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News from Marquette

Lots of changes and updates since June 2017, when Issue #6 was distributed. The road work within the City of Marquette was substantially complete in time for opening day of rifle season (15 November), so everything was right with the world. Marquette now has seven (7) roundabouts...and that's a lot!

Between now and the end of 2018, we should have (small example of projects):

- ◇ A brand new Meijer grocery store.
- ◇ A new hospital, but the transition of staff from the old one may not take place until early 2019
- ◇ Two more new dorm buildings, bringing "The Woods" to a total of six
- ◇ A completely renovated

Market Place on NMU's campus.

- ◇ At least two fewer housing buildings around campus - (The Summit Street Apartments and Gant Hall will be going away this summer)
- ◇ About 40% of a new energy center, outside of Negaunee, for UPPCO/W.E. It will be modeled after what Marquette's BLP did last year with natural gas engines imported from Europe.
- ◇ A new parking deck and mixed use multi-story structure adjacent to the Lower Harbor at Founders Landing
- ◇ New luxury condos (Vista Estates) adjacent to Marquette's Wastewater Treatment Facility in South Marquette.
- ◇ The start to a \$22m renovation and addition to the campus' University Center.
- ◇ Rumors of twin four-story condominiums on Lakeshore Blvd, across from Picnic Rocks Park.

We have alumni and current students engaged in most of the projects in the area.

Q: Where are seniors going after graduation?

A: Alpena, Appleton, Baltimore, Des Moines, Detroit, Dallas, Fort Lauderdale, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Green Bay, Iron Mountain, Marquette, Minneapolis, Minot, Phoenix, Traverse City and quite a few more locations.

Q: How many senior projects were completed during the fall semester?

A: Six

Q: Do you need a reminder for the alumni golf outing?

A: Career Fair on Thursday, 20 September with the Golf Outing on Saturday, 22 September 2018

Congrats to the December 2017 & May 2018 Graduates

1. Patrick Bailey - Rockford Construction Company (Grand Rapids, MI)
2. Dustin Delvoye - M.Lukas (Green Bay, WI)
3. James Eickhoff - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
4. Justin Erskine - employed near Charlevoix, MI
5. Luke Ewbank - Wanzek (Fargo, ND)
6. Spenser Feld - Kenyon Construction (Hillman/Alpena, MI)
7. Travis Fleis - Miron Construction (Neenah, WI)
8. Sarah Gage - employed in Grand Rapids, MI
9. Peter Gibson - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
10. Mitchell Hanson - Kiewit (Denver, CO)
11. Marlon Harris - Mortenson (Phoenix, AZ)
12. Cole Herkner - Endura Performance Homes (Traverse City, MI)
13. Jon Horton - employed in Detroit, MI suburbs
14. Daniel Hunter - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
15. AJ Jensen - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
16. Jacob Kaiser - United States Army (VA)
17. Zach Lange - Payne & Dolan (Marquette, MI)
18. Quinton Myotte - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
19. Neal Nemethy - Kiewit Northwest (Vancouver, WA)
20. Stuart Nielsen - Rieth-Riley (Goshen, IN)
21. Sophie Park - Hill & Wilkinson (Richardson, TX)
22. Jacob Rhodes - Ideal Contracting (Detroit, MI)
23. Philipp Rhodes - RAM Construction Services (Livonia, MI)
24. Ryan Rhodes - O'Brien Construction Company (Troy, MI)
25. Kyle Root - AZCO, Inc. (Appleton, WI)
26. Cole Selewski - Woodwright Builders (Harbor Springs, MI)
27. Nick Sexton - Mortenson (Minneapolis, MN)
28. Paul Smith - Walsh / Archer-Western (Atlanta, GA)
29. Andrew Steinhauer - Hill & Wilkinson (Richardson, TX)
30. Jared Swajanen - Skanska (Nashville, TN)
31. Matthew VanDenAvond - Rockford Construction Company (Grand Rapids, MI)
32. Cam Verigin - Whiting-Turner (Baltimore, MD)
33. Thomas Wahlstrom - Gundlach Champion (Iron Mountain, MI)
34. CJ Washington - Whiting-Turner (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
35. Jordan Zawada - JH Zawada (Niagara, WI)

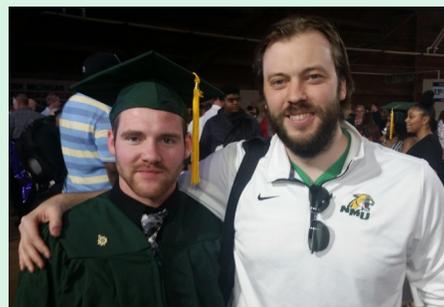
Below (Jacob Kaiser, Zach Lange, Evan & Luke Ewbank)



Above - left to right: (Heidi, Jordan Zawada, Sophie Park, Patrick Bailey, Mitch Hanson, Cole Herkner, Matthew VanDenAvond, Baby David & Evan)



Left (Evan & Cam Verigin)



Right (Evan & Quinton Myotte)

Below (Evan, Cole Selewski, Daniel Hunter, Thomas, Wahlstrom & Mike)



Above (Andrew Steinhauer, Mike, James Eickhoff & David Eickhoff - a 2015 program alum)

2017.18 Senior Projects



(L to R): Jon Horton, Marlon Harris, Stuart Nielsen, Kyle Root, Zach Lange & Matthew VanDenAvond. The group designed and built a storage structure for the new Forensic Research Outdoor Station (FROST) for NMU. FROST is one of only eight facilities across the globe, and the first to study decomposition in a cold climate



(L to R): Jacob Rhodes, Daniel Hunter, Neal Nemethy, Luke Ewbank and Cole Selewski. Teaching Family Homes of Marquette requested a way for their zipliners to land safely, and disconnect. The team designed and built a custom landing platform that could be slid into place in order to retrieve a rider from the zipline



(L to R): Phillip Rhodes, Cam Verigin, Spenser Feld, Andrew Steinhauer, Jordan Zawada & Jared Swajanen did a budget and storage structure design for Great Lakes Recovery Center - which was built by the CN156 class during the winter semester. This group also provided a feasibility study for vaulted toilets at the South Trailhead for the Noqueganon Trail Network.



(L to R): Peter Gibson, Thomas Wahlstrom, Justin Erskine, Ryan Rhodes & Cole Herkner worked with the Salvation Army to create a budget, design & build a 12' tall storage structure for them



(L to R): AJ Jensen, Travis Fleis, Quinton Myotte, Derek Wedin, CJ Washington & Paul Smith designed and built a ticket booth / announcing booth / storage structure for the Marquette County Fair



(L to R): James Eickhoff, Nick Sexton, Patrick Bailey, Mitch Hanson and Jacob Kaiser designed and built a structure for NMU's Recreational Sports teams in order to provide a space to store the equipment for many of the sports clubs.

All told, the Senior Projects contributed more than 2,000 hours of sweat equity and expertise to the Greater Marquette Community. All six of the community partners were incredibly grateful, because they understood that without the time and talent of our seniors, their projects would not have been possible. Thank you to the Seniors of 2017.18, as they left Marquette better than they found it.



NMU Construction Management Advisory Committee

The expanded role of our Advisory Committee through the years has been supplemented by an expanded membership. Joining the team in 2018 are (clockwise from top right): Kayla (Voss) Billmeier, Justin Blub-augh, Jeremy Bub, Chris Cardinal, Jim Conlin, Luke Oberdorfer, Cole Thoreson and Mikayel Vietzke. The new additions bring a wealth of experience from a broad spectrum of sectors. For more information about our new members, please visit:

<https://www.nmu.edu/tos/nmu-construction-management-advisory>



Mikayel



Kayla



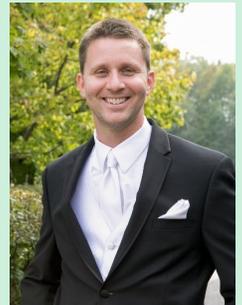
Justin

Jim

Chris



Luke



Jeremy



Cole

2018 U.P. Construction Skills Challenge



1st Place (left)
Delta Schoolcraft—
Escanaba #1



2nd Place (right) -
Chassell

12 teams from various schools throughout the Upper Peninsula gathered at the Jacobetti Complex for the annual UP Construction Skills Challenge. Complimentary competitions included Automotive, CADD and Welding, so more than 200 high school students traveled to NMU on Friday, the 27th of April to showcase their talent.

Each participant received some cool tools and memories for a day's worth of competition.

3rd Place
(right)
Munising



Alumni Spotlight

Danny Elmore (2008)



Danny was hired to work for Hill & Wilkinson in Richardson, Texas upon his graduation. After starting as a Project Engineer, he has since been promoted to Project Executive. Danny was a wide receiver and multi-year captain for the football team during his time at NMU. He is a Trenton, Michigan native, but is now a

homeowner in Lubbock, TX

His largest client is Texas Tech University, as he's managed over \$100 million worth of work (five separate projects) over the last four-plus years.

Danny's "fast five":

1. Favorite Movie: Wedding Crashers
2. Best NMU memory: Every football season
3. Greatest professional accomplishment: leading Hill & Wilkinson's new satellite office in Lubbock, TX
4. Best part of coming back to Marquette: the geography...he misses the water and trees
5. Person he'd most like to meet: Maternal Grandfather...never got a chance to meet him before he passed. Most relatives noted that the two of them would have gotten along very well.

Student Spotlight



(from left: Jacob, Phillip and Ryan Rhodes (May 2018)

The triplets were honored at NMU's annual Student Recognition banquet last month for earning a 4.0 g.p.a.

NMU's news team found it interesting

that triplets could all choose the same major and graduate with such high honors...so, they did a feature story on the three brothers. Please see the article at the link below:

https://events.nmu.edu/event/triplets_graduate_from_same_program_with_40_gpas

Following their summer internships with RAM Construction Services and Ideal Contracting, Phillip and Jacob will be returning to NMU to begin pursuit of their graduate degrees (MBA).

Ryan will start his career with O'Brien Construction and split time between Detroit and Ann Arbor



We need your pictures and stories for future issues!!!

Northern Michigan Constructors

The Northern Michigan Constructors did a fabulous job in the Marquette and surrounding community again this year. Below are a couple of highlights:

- ◇ Assisted with the UP200 Sled Dog race, by rebuilding the starting shack and helped with set up
- ◇ Designed and built a pavilion enclosure system, so NMU's Cross County Ski team would have a sheltered area for waxing during home races
- ◇ Designed and built "Rabbit Hole" sets for the Hospitality Management program's end-of-year gala.
- ◇ Coordinated efforts of members to have a large showing and lots of raffle items at the 2018 Upper Peninsula Builders Show
- ◇ Replaced a skylight and performed some additional maintenance in the recreation area at Bay Cliff

Attending the annual Student Organization and Leadership Banquet, (Left side near to far): Mike, Neal Nemethy Evan, Heidi, Brooke Bailey. (Right side near to far): Kurt Thiel, Nick Hughes, Luke Ewbank, Nate Williams & Spenser Feld





Above: Tom DiMattia (Walbridge Project Manager) discusses some of the unique facets from NMU's Public Private Partnership with EdR. At the time, Tom was pushing to get two additional buildings ready to occupy for the Winter 2018 semester.



Above: John Fortier (Bacco Owner) explains some nuances of the project to install three new roundabouts on US41 adjacent to the new Hospital. This picture highlights the rerouting of the river



Left: The view of, and from, the hospital is much different these days. In October of 2017, there was still quite a bit to do.

As part of the 2017 UP SCAN event, students from NMU and Michigan Tech. got together for three guided site tours, a dinner and some networking with industry professionals. Folks from Skanska Clossner, Walbridge & Bacco stayed late to explain their projects and talk with students about a variety of topics.

Doing more great things

Heidi Blanck (2000) coordinated and hosted the second annual Women in Construction at NMU. Her second annual Women in Construction Day attracted 120+ young ladies (grades 7–12) from a four-county Upper Peninsula area to NMU for a day's worth exposure to the industry. The large group was split into four teams that got to:

- ◇ Interact with female leaders from the construction industry in a leadership forum
- ◇ Cut and assemble a wood tool box from a plan
- ◇ Electronically design a structure using Revit and
- ◇ Use the Plasma-Cam to design and cut a special metal fabrication

Women from Boldt, Gundlach Champion, Johnson Controls and Mortenson joined in the volunteer effort, as did most of the female students from our programs. The efforts have been worthwhile, as females now comprise nearly 11% of our student body, which is exponentially higher than prior to Heidi's arrival seven years ago.



Front row (L to R): Heidi, Wynona Maravilla, Melanie McNamee. Back row (L to R): Sarah Gage, Carli Helminen, Suzette LaCasse, Elizabeth Boose, Makayla Kyre, Carrie Duerksen, Brooke Bailey and Karlie Hanson



2017-18 Donor Funded Scholarships



Advisory Committee members - Back row (L to R): Scott Ampe, Ken Kasten, Adam Glover, Jim Johnson, Jon Nehls, Paul Bentley, Amber Burden, Derrick Pass & Joel Klahn

Faculty & students - Front row (L to R): Heidi, Dustin Delvoe, Jedd Kangas, Noah Talentino, Thomas Wahlstrom, Daniel Hunter, Luke Ewbank & Evan

Six students were awarded scholarships by our Advisory Committee following the Senior Project Presentations last December. Donations are sought in the time leading up to the annual Career Fair, and applications are issued to the student body in November.

Alumni:
Please continue to
leave things better than
you found them

Hill & Wilkinson Scholarship Recipients



As established by Michael Oswald (2003), the Hill & Wilkinson scholarships are intended to assist students complete their degree goal. The 2018.19 recipients are: (L to R)

- Nathan Williams
- Melanie McNamee
- Darrin Koivisto
- Jedd Kangas

General Note: Scholarships

This is the third year of “Construction-specific” scholarships. Between the Hill & Wilkinson and Donor Funded awards, successful student applicants have received in excess of \$34,000. Not too bad at all.

As a program, we couldn't be more proud of our alumni...for making it all happen. Amongst everything that goes on in your day-to-day operations, we sincerely appreciate your continued support
From Mike, Heidi & Evan: Thank you very much!





Fast Facts

Relatively new updates (slower than Facebook & LinkedIn), but still fun



Left: Jeremy Bub (2008) is a Project Manager with Lunda in Minneapolis, MN. He and Ariel were married in September.

Near right: Cohen Mylan Cardinal (Chris' son, and Cal's baby brother) was born on the 28th of April.

Far right: Chris Cardinal (2008) and Ben Herman (2009) met unexpectedly in a Florida airport in December.



Far left: Luke Oberdorfer (2011) and Mrs. Oberdorfer are the parents of Reece Robert, born on 13 December 2016...Sorry about the tardiness. Luke is a Project Manager for Miron Construction.

Above: Steve Hunter (2012) is a Project Manager with Barton Malow and working on a Ford assembly plant, so the Ranger pickup can be built again in the U.S.

(Right): Tyler Lenderink (2017) is a Field Engineer for Hensel Phelps in their Denver, CO office, and is working on an office building in the Denver Technical Center area.



Left: Mikayel Vietzke (2011) is the Area Superintendent for Miller Pipeline's Upper Peninsula operations, and dropped in a couple thousand feet of gas main along Wright St. in Marquette during last year's double-roundabout project.

Right: Jon Nehls (1999) is a Field Operations Manager for Mortenson Construction in their Milwaukee, WI office. Jon is rocking the ugly Christmas Sweater, with a Northern flair. In Marquette, we call that "stylish". During,



Jon's his spare time, he hires about a dozen NMU Construction Management students every year.



Left: Daniel Kennard (2016) is a Project Engineer with Power Construction in Chicago, IL, and is working at the Northwestern Biomedical Research Building. He bought a house last year in Crystal Lake, and adopted a puppy as well.

No picture, but Matthew McNulty (2009) is a Construction Project Manager with BSI in Waukesha, WI. It was a considerable change, after years of 100+ mile commute as a Project Manager in the Chicago area. Matthew's firm specializes in design/build/furnish projects.

No picture, but Darrin Pursley (2015) accepted a new position with Skender Construction



Fast Facts (continued)



Left: Steve (Skip) Warnke (2003) is a Project Manager for Gerber Berend Design Build in Steamboat Springs, CO. Skip is a husband, as well as a father of two. He is a musician in his spare time too. Upon graduation, 15 years ago, he moved to Colorado and told the faculty group that he would figure out the details once he got there. Seems like things have worked out pretty well thus far.

No picture, but Jason Kehrer (2011) planted roots in “Downeast Maine, and is the Manager for Building and Grounds at Washington Academy, a private school in East Machias, ME.

Right: Tyler McGuire (2016) is a Field Engineer for Whiting-Turner in Baltimore, MD. In the picture, he is putting Mr. Sikkema’s earth retention systems to the test from CN353—Soils & Foundations, as erosion issues caused some hiccups with the crane pads on his patient care clinic and medical office project.



No picture, but Tim Straub (2006) is a QA/QC Program Engineer for the Infrastructure Construction Management division of Facebook. He spent time with Mortenson and Whiting Turner before making a significant change to be an owner’s representative.

No picture, but Sean Hayden (2009) is a Project Manager with The Christman Company in their Grand Rapids, MI office. Since graduation, Sean spent time with three different companies in nine different states. His relocation to Grand Rapids with Christman provides stability, with opportunities for professional growth.

No picture, but Travis Mellon (2007) is now a Superintendent with Mortenson’s Sports & Entertainment Group, and working on the Golden State Arena in San Francisco.



Left: Joe Peretto (2008) is a Safety Coordinator and Estimator for a contractor in Denver, CO. Their primary scope as a subcontractor is waterproofing, air barriers, sealants and expansion control. Joe’s bilingual abilities have proven helpful, as all of his safety meetings are conducted in both English and Spanish.

No picture, but Michael Plagens (2002) recently started a new company with three professional colleagues. He is now the Senior Vice President of Project Management for Fairview Construction Services in Plymouth, MI. Fairview found a niche in the medical facility market in S.E. Michigan, and is growing fast.



Right: Michael Holbrook (2014) owns Holbrook Custom Designs in the N.W. part of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula.

Peninsula.

No picture, but Chris Humphrey is a Project Manager for Kent Companies, out of their Grand Rapids office. Chris’ background has been in steel and concrete for most market sectors, but he’s been able to focus on the larger concrete operations with Kent.

Right: [from left - Matt Gamalski (2016), Jared Swajanen (2017) Max Watrous (2016) and Jim Johnson (2007)], have all been involved with the Marquette Replacement Hospital project for the Skanska Clossner JV. Not pictured, Dan Stevenson (2004), has been a long-time foreman for Clossner as well. These five NMU graduates have played a pivotal role for the Joint Venture. Their roles run the full spectrum on the project, but they have each enjoyed being a part of the project. Site work is running again, while interior finishes are proceeding on the first two floors. MEP work is coming to completion in the bed tower. The team will turn over to the project to the owner at the start of 2019.





Fast Facts (continued)



Left: Sophie Park (2017) is a Project Engineer with Hill & Wilkinson in Richardson, TX. She was working on a Porsche dealership



Right: Michael LaFleur (2015) is an Integrated Construction Coordinator for Mortenson, and is in Athens, GA working on the Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory. It will consist of research spaces with bio-safety levels of 2, 3 and 3a

No picture, but Sam Peterson (2015) accepted a position with The Opus Group in Minneapolis, MN.

No picture, but Scott Ampe (2003) is a Superintendent with Auch Construction in Pontiac, MI.



Left: Kerry Klausner (2011) is an Assistant Project Manager with Archer Western, a member of the Walsh Group. He is working on a water treatment facility in Temecula, CA.



Right: Rob Sparks (2016) is a Foreman/Estimator for Ever-Green Roofing and Construction in Bozeman, MT. Their specialty is standing seam metal roofing for high-end residential projects.



No picture, but Kevin Bredeson (1997) accepted a role as the Chief Technology Officer at Skender Construction in Chicago, IL

No picture, but Aaron Miller (2014) owns 32 North Construction. He has kept the residential sector of his business, and has expanded to include public schools, athletic facilities and other outdoor recreation structures.

No picture, but Brad Kleikamp (2014) is a Project Coordinator with Gundlach Champion

Left: Jon Slack (2015) moved back to Michigan, and is a Project Engineer with Clark Construction Company in the Lansing area. He and Amanda have a baby girl, Isla (eye-la) Jane Slack

No picture, but Jamie Martin (2008) is an Assistant Project Manager with Alberici Constructors in St. Louis, MO, and is working in Iowa.

No picture, but Kevin Connolly (2006) is a Senior Manager of Business Development at Gilbane Building Company's Chicago, Office

No picture, but Scott Brill (2012) changed a few things...and is now a Deputy Sheriff in Oakland County, MI. He finds the work enjoyable, and is fulfilling a life-long goal.

No picture, but Tom Labuz (2008) is a Superintendent with Mortenson, and is in Arizona renovating the Maryvale Baseball Stadium. The following link provides a little background: <https://www.abc15.com/entertainment/events/maryvale-baseball-park-to-undergo-56-million-upgrade-after-2018-spring-training>

No picture, but Kevin Manning (2012) is an Assistant Project Manager for KATERA in Seattle, WA

No picture, but Pat McFadden (2016) is an Office Engineer with Hensel Phelps, and moved to Honolulu, HI to work on the Honolulu Airport.

No picture, but Jason Proctor (2006) is a Project Manager with Sachse Construction in the Detroit, MI metro area



Fast Facts (continued)

A sample of some awesome things happening around Marquette



Right - another multi-family structure at "The Landing" in South Marquette, with many of the units already sold



Left - solid progress for the replacement hospital on Baraga and 7th street...to be completed in early 2019



Left - "One Marquette Place" mixed-use parking structure, limited retail & mostly apartments on Lakeshore adjacent to the old ore dock



Right - "Vista Estates" in South Marquette, as developed by NMU Board of Trustees Chair, Mr. Maheeny, and his Veridea Group team.



Left - "The Trillium House", which will provide hospice care for residents from the central Upper Peninsula



Right - one of the last two dorms for "The Woods" along with "The Lodge", which is a central gathering spot for on-campus students



Annual Giving...Something we hope you will consider

We recognize that you have given and sacrificed a considerable amount to be where you are, and yet we are still going to ask that you consider giving a little more. We also know that you are now independent adults with financial burdens of your own...but here we are - seeking your altruistic support for our primary initiative: educating the next generation for a career in construction. In the truest form of leaving things better than you found them, you are in a position to have a positive impact on the development of our students...current and future. The good news is that this "giving section" will appear in every newsletter moving forward, so we'll be able to reinforce our message through repetition.

Giving to the NMU Foundation and designating the Construction Management Program as the recipient will carry benefits that are difficult to measure.

- ◆ You could help make the difference between a student completing their degree goal, or quitting due to the overwhelming financial pressure.
- ◆ You could be the person that puts us in a position to keep pace with today's technology (Ex.: so we are not reliant on the 1958 theodolites for surveying)
- ◆ You could leave a positive legacy at NMU that will last a lifetime (or more)
- ◆ You should know that \$1.00 donated is \$1.00 of impact. The NMU Foundation is a responsible steward for your resources. They do not take anything off the top...and your gift is tax-deductible

There are a number of ways to do it, but the following link makes giving relatively easy:

<http://connect.nmu.edu/s16cmn>